

On motion of Senator Goss, a committee of three was appointed to notify the House, towit: Senators Goss, Greer and Beall.

Senator Bailey offered the following joint resolution:

Joint Resolution requesting the Senate of the United States to pass a Bankruptcy Bill.

Whereas, The disastrous financial panic which has prevailed in the United States for some three years past has visited bankruptcy and distress upon thousands of unfortunate debtors, and their hopelessly insolvent condition merits the consideration of the National Legislature; therefore:

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Senate of the United States be earnestly and respectfully requested to pass, at the present session, a Bankruptcy Act that shall give relief to the large and daily increasing debtor class now existing throughout the country.

Sec. 2. That the Senators from the State of Texas be requested to use every effort to speed the passage of the desired law.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the State of Texas transmit, immediately upon its passage, this joint resolution to the Senate of the United States.

Read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Senator Atlee informed the Chair that the committee appointed to notify the Governor of the Senate's readiness to proceed to business had duly performed same.

Senator Goss informed the Chair that the committee appointed to notify the House of the perfected organization of the Senate and its readiness to proceed to business, had performed its duty.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senate adjourned until 10 a. m.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 11, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Crane in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Beall.	McComb.
Boren.	McKinney.
Bowser.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dean.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Goss.	Woods.
Greer.	

Absent—Senators Bailey, Lewis, Shelburne and Stafford.

Excused—Senators Dickson and Simpson.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr Smoot.

Pending the reading of the Journal, on motion of Senator Tips, the further reading was suspended.

On motion of Senator Smith, the Journal of yesterday was corrected so as to show that he was present at roll call.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee clerks: E. M. Sweet, Jr., on Committee on Finance; J. M. Lowery, Judiciary Committee No. 2; A. G. Dawson, Judiciary No. 1.

On motion of Senator Rogers, Senator Bailey was excused until Monday on account of Important business.

On motion of Senator Smith, Senator Shelburne was excused until next Monday on account of important business, and Senator Lewis until Saturday for same reason.

The Chair then laid before the Senate the Governor's message, and pending the reading of the same,

On motion of Senator Steele, further reading was suspended and the same ordered printed in the Journal.

(See Appendix A.)

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from citizens of Winkler county, asking that said county be detached from Reeves county, and attached to Ward county for judicial and all other purposes.

Read and referred to Committee on County and County Boundaries.

By Senator Rogers:

Memorial from Mary D. Proctor, praying for relief, etc.

Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Bowser:

A bill to be entitled "An act relative to suits for libel, and to better define a mode for procedure in suits for damage thereunder."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Presler:

A bill to be entitled "An act providing for a discovery of the assets of a judgment debtor, and the enforcement of such judgment."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Tips:

A bill to be entitled "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members mileage and per diem, and officers and employes' per diem, of the Twenty-fourth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Tips:

A bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the

contingent expenses of the Twenty-fourth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to committee on Finance.

By Senator Greer:

A bill to be entitled "An act to repeal chapter 74, of the acts of the Twenty-third Legislature, approved the 2nd day of May, 1893, and found on page 98 of the general laws of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and known as the 'Board of Pardons Advisers.'"

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Agnew:

A bill to be entitled "An act concerning primary elections, called and held by authority of any political party, to prevent illegal voting at same, to prevent betting at same, and false returns thereof; and providing penalties therefor."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Beall:

A bill to be entitled "An act to repeal chapter IX of the general laws of the State of Texas passed at the first called session of the Twenty-second Legislature, the same being "An act carrying into effect constitutional amendment to article 7, section 5, transferring annually one per cent of the permanent to the available school fund."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Rogers:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 58, chapter 122 of 'An act entitled an act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools for the State of Texas,' etc., approved May 20, 1893.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Sherrill:

A bill to be entitled "An act to make it a penal offense for any person in the State to unlawfully scatter or so place on land not his own, the seed or roots of Johnson grass, or the seed or roots of any other vegetation which will make such land unsuitable for the cultivation of cotton, or of corn, or any other grain, or which will make the cultivation of such land in such crops more difficult, or which will impair or diminish the value of such land for the cultivation of such crops as are usually grown thereon; to prescribe the punishment therefor, and to prescribe the proceedings in prosecutions in such cases."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Bowser:

A bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of railway companies, having charters granted or amended since January 1, 1889, which have failed or are about to fail to comply with article 4278 Revised Statutes."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Agnew:

A bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors; to declare what acts shall operate

as such assignments, and to prescribe rules for administering the same, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors; to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879; and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879,' approved April 7, 1883; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator McComb:

A bill to be entitled "An act making it a penal offense for a minor to wilfully or knowingly enter and remain in any place where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, are sold to be drunk on the premises, or to wilfully or knowingly take, receive or drink any such liquor or bitters in such place, and to prescribe a penalty therefor."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Bowser:

Joint Resolution to amend article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding to said article an additional section, to be numbered 22, looking to the encouragement of manufactures."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce on Manufactures.

By Senator Agnew:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of three members from each House be appointed to make arrangements to count the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for the inauguration of said officers.

Adopted, and the Chair appointed Senators Agnew, Tips and Steele.

By Senator Tips:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 300 lists of the standing committees of the Senate printed on card board, for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives, with names of committee clerks of the Senate and also specifying the time of meeting of the various Senate committees; said meetings to be held on same days and at same time as during the Twenty-third Legislature; provided, that the Committee on Contingent Expenses shall meet on Fridays at 3 p. m.

Adopted.

Call concluded.

On motion of Senator Steele, the Senate took a recess of 15 minutes.

#### AFTER RECESS.

The following message was received from the House:

To the President of the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature:

The committee appointed by the House of Representatives beg to report the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature is fully or-

ganized and ready to transact any business that may properly come before it.

**BUMPASS,  
BOUNDS,  
MARTIN** of McKinney.

On motion of Senator Steele, Senate adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

#### FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 12, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Crane in the chair. Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—25.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Beall.	McComb.
Boren.	McKinney.
Bowser.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dean.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Goss.	Woods.
Greer.	

Absent: Senator Stafford.

Excused: Senators Dickson, Simpson, Shelburne, Bailey, Lewis.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Senator Steele the same was suspended.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

When the above were declared in order, Senator Crowley arose and stated that a corporation politician of Galveston had not only seen fit to attack him in the recent campaign, but had followed up his attack by offering to be presented to the State Senate a memorial concerning same; and since none of the other Senators were inclined to lend their aid by presenting it, he, Crowley, would; and accordingly sent it to the Secretary's desk and asked that it be read.

Pending the reading of the same, Senator Tips stated that he would like to indulge the Senator (Crowley), but since the hour fixed by resolution adopted this morning for the Senate and House to meet in joint session to count the vote and arrange for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor was so near at hand as to preclude the reading in full thereof, he therefore moved that the memorial be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Referred.

Senator Crowley then arose to a question of personal privilege, and made a statement as to the nature and spirit of said memorial.

By Senator Gage:

Petitions from citizens of Winkler county, petitioning that said county remain attached to Reeves county.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

The Chair announced the following appointment: Clerk of Committee on Education, C. W. Jester.

Senator Agnew made the following privileged report:

Austin, Texas, Jan. 11, 1895.

Hon. M. M. Crane, President of the Senate, and Hon. T. S. Smith, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Gentlemen—Your Joint Committee appointed to make arrangements to count the vote and arrange to inaugurate the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of counting said vote, and that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 12 o'clock m., when the joint committee will escort the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect to the Speaker's stand, when the oath of office will be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

**E. L. AGNEW,  
WALTER TIPS,  
R. E. STEELE,**

On part of Senate.

**W. P. SEBASTIAN,  
J. H. BEAL,  
CHAS. LANGHAMMER,**

On part of House.

Adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 11, 1895.

To Hon. M. M. Crane, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 3, being "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members mileage and per diem, and officers and employes per diem, of the Twenty-fourth Legislature," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report same back, with the recommendation that it do pass.

TIPS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Jan. 11, 1895.

To Hon. M. M. Crane, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 4, being entitled "An act making and appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fourth Legislature," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report same back to you with the recommendation that it do pass.

TIPS, Chairman.